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SUBJ: BECHTEL (CANADA) WINS CONTRACT FOR DEVELOPMENT OF RHOURDE-
NOUSS GAS FIELD

1. OFFICIAL DAILY EL MOUDJAHID FOR MAY 17 ANNOUNCES AWARD OF 626
MILLION DOLLAR CONTRACT FOR DEVELOPMENT OF THE RHOURDE-NOUSS GAS
FIELD SOME 250 KILOMETERS SOUTH-SOUTHEAST OF ALGERIA'S MAIN OIL
FIELD AT HASSI MESSAOUD.

2. CONTRACT CALLS FOR GAS COLLECTION SYSTEM OF 356 KILOMETERS OF
PIPE FROM 41 WELLS; PIPING FOR REINJECTION SYSTEM OF 25 REINJECTION
WELLS; GAS TREATMENT PLANT WITH CAPACITY OF 41 MILLION CUBIC METERS
A DAY; REINJECTION COMPRESSION STATION WITH A CAPACITY OF 31 MIL-
LION CUBIC METERS A DAY OF DRY GAS; A 44 INCH, 30 KM PIPE-
LINE TO CARRY DRY GAS (PRESUMABLY TOWARDS THE GASSI TOUIL FIELD);
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A 20 INCH, 30 KM CONDENSATE LINE; A 16 INCH, 30 KM LPG LINE; AND
RELATED GENERATING PLANT AND BUILDINGS.

3. ARTICLE PUTS LOCAL COSTS AT 83 MILLION DOLLARS AND SAYS REST OF
THE 626 MILLION DOLLARS IS ENTIRELY FINANCED BY "CANADIAN EXPORT
EXPANSION SOCIETY" (PRESUMABLY EDC) AND PRIVATE GROUP HEADED BY
TORONTO DOMINION BANK.

4. COMMENT: THE "GAS UTILIZATION STUDY" PREPARED BY U.S. CONSULTANTS LAST YEAR PUTS PROVED, RECOVERABLE GAS RESERVES OF RHOURENOUSS AT 280 BILLION CUBIC METERS. SAME STUDY ESTIMATES PROVED, RECOVERABLE CONDENSATE (NGL) RESERVES AT 44 MILLION METRIC TONS, LPG RESERVES AT 16 MILLION TONS. STEPHAN

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